

BRIGADIER GENERAL BRADLEY S. LINK

Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Kansas National Guard

Brigadier General Bradley S. Link is Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Kansas National Guard, and also serves as Commander, Kansas Air National Guard. The Kansas Air National Guard is comprised of one refueling wing, one intelligence wing and a bombing range.

Brigadier General Link was commissioned on 6 June 1980 through the United States Air Force Officer Training School. After completion of Undergraduate Navigator Training as a Distinguished Graduate, he was assigned to B-52Gs at Griffiss Air Force Base, New York. In 1984, he attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas as a Distinguished Graduate and was assigned to B-52G/Hs at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. In August 1987, General Link was selected as Initial Cadre B-1B, 28th Bomb Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. General Link joined the 184th Bomb Wing, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas in November 1995 serving in several capacities to include Strike Operations, Chief of Scheduling, D Flight Commander, Operations Officer, 127th Bomb Squadron Commander, 127th Air Refueling Squadron Commander and 184th Operations Group Commander. General Link deployed as Commander, 385th Air Expeditionary Group, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey from March to June 2005. He has served as the Operations Group Council Chairman representing the Air National Guard KC-135 community. From November 2006 to May 2007, General Link deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, serving as the Deputy Director, Air Component Coordination Element, Strategic Operations Center, Headquarters Multi-National Force Iraq. In March 2008, General Link transferred to the 190th Air Refueling Wing, Kansas Air National Guard where he took command of the Operations Group and later took command of the Maintenance Group.

EDUCATION:

1979 Clarkson College of Technology, Bachelor of Science, Business Management, Potsdam, New York

2001 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1980 - February 1981, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, California
2. February 1981 - June 1981, Student, Navigator Bombardier Training, Mather Air Force Base, California
3. July 1981 - October 1981, Student, Combat Crew Training, Castle Air Force Base, California
4. October 1981 - April 1984, Navigator Instructor, B-52, 668th Bombardment Squadron, Griffiss Air Force Base, New York

5. April 1984 - December 1985, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 64th Flying Wing, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
6. December 1985 - April 1987, Pilot, B-52H, 92nd Bombardment Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington
7. May 1987 - January 1988, Student, Copilot Qualification Course, 228th Combat Crew Training Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas
8. January 1988 - June 1989, Pilot, B-1B, 28th Bombardment Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
9. July 1989 - June 1991, Aircraft Commander, B-1B, 28th Bombardment Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
10. July 1991 - July 1992, Chief, Tactics Section, 384th Operations Support Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
11. November 1995 - July 1996, Pilot, B-1B, 184th Operations Support Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
12. July 1996 - April 1997, Chief, Long Range Scheduling, B-1B Pilot, 184th Operations Support Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
13. May 1997 - April 1998, Chief, Current Operations, 184th Operations Support Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
14. May 1998 - April 1999, Flight Commander/Instructor Pilot, 127th Bomb Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
15. May 1999 - January 2001, Instructor Pilot, B-1B, 127th Bomb Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
16. January 2001 - October 2002, Commander, 127th Bomb Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
17. October 2002 - July 2004, Commander, 127th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
18. July 2004 - March 2008, Commander, 184th Operations Group, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas
19. March 2008 - March 2009, Commander, 190th Operations Group, Kansas Air National Guard, Forbes Field, Kansas
20. March 2009 - June 2010, Commander, 190th Maintenance Group, Kansas Air National Guard, Forbes Field, Kansas
21. June 2010 – November 2010, Chief of Staff, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
22. November 2010 - Present, Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Kansas Joint Force Headquarters, Kansas National Guard, Topeka, Kansas

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 5,400

Aircraft flown: B-1B, B-52G/H, KC-135R, T-38A, T-37B

Pilot wings from: Reese Air Force Base, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Commendation Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

Combat Readiness Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)

Iraq Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)

Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War On Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (with Gold Border)

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Bronze Hourglass and M Device)

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

Kansas National Guard State Emergency Duty Service Ribbon

Kansas National Guard Achievement Ribbon

Kansas National Guard Service Medal (with Gold Sunflower)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 6 June 1980

First Lieutenant 6 June 1982

Captain 6 June 1984

Major 1 July 1992

Lieutenant Colonel 8 February 1998

Colonel 22 July 2004

Brigadier General 5 November 2010